



MEMORANDUM

TO: Educational Interpreters

FROM: Pat Mapes, Director
Education Licensing and Development

DATE: June 30, 2010

SUBJECT: Update on Educational Interpreter (EI) Certification and Renewal

As of July 1, 2010 the Division of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS) of FSSA will no longer maintain the Educational Interpreter program. This means that DHHS will no longer review new applications or applications for renewal, nor maintain record of CEUs. This responsibility has been shifted to Office of Educator Licensing in the Department of Education (DOE). However, the legislation transferring this responsibility does not give DOE legal authority to certify EIs until July 1, 2011.

Since the Office of Educator Licensing is not able to process new EI certificates or renewals until July 1, 2011 we suggest EIs and employers to treat any certificate expiring between 7/1/10 and 6/30/11 as extended until such time as the DOE's authority to issue and renew EI certification becomes effective on 7/1/11.

During the intervening year, the DOE will create an EI application process and the Professional Standards Advisory Board will review and promulgate EI certification standards, which is a responsibility given to the board by the legislature. The board is currently working with the Indiana Educational Interpreters' Task Force, and as the development of standards moves forward through the rule promulgation process there will be opportunities for public review and input. Updates will be posted on our website.

If you have questions, please email Risa Regnier at rregnier@doe.in.gov.